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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

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1. I AM IN WHOLEHEARTED AGREEMENT WITH THE INITIATIVE YOU OUTLINED IN REFTEL DESCRIBING THE CREATION OF AN OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT. IN MY NEXT PERIODIC MEETING WITH MFA'S PERM UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN ON JANUARY 7, I INTEND TO INFORM HIM OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS OFFICE AND THE DUTIES YOU HAVE OUTLINED FOR IT. I WILL ALSO ALLUDE TO PARA 2 OF REFTEL WHICH DESCRIBES OUR GAUGING OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS IN LIGHT OF STANDS TAKEN IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. I PARTICULARLY WELCOME ONE OF THE MISSIONS THAT THE OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS WILL APPARENTLY UNDERTAKE: SYNTHETIZE AND GUIDE US IN APPROACHES WE MAKE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS. IN THE CASE OF DENMARK, I WOULD SAY THAT PERHAPS 90 PERCENT OF OUR "BUSINESS" WITH THE DANES IN MULTILATERAL, BE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO, AND EC, THE NORDICS, THE OECD, UNESCO, OR THE UN IN GENERAL. GIVEN THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC GENERATED ON THESE SUBJECTS, WE WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY USEFUL TO RECEIVE, ON A REGULAR BASIS, SOMETHING LIKE A PRECIS OF OUR POSITIONS ON SUCH SUBJECTS
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THAT WE COULD DISCUSS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN THE DANISH GOV-

ERMENT TO GET OUR POINTS OF VIEW ACROSS.

3. MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO SAM LEWIS IN HIS NEW
POSITION.
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